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SUBJECT: SADAT ON SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN CONFLICT

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1. SADAT IS CURRENTLY IN ISMAILIA, BUT I WAS ABLE
MEET THIS MORNING WITH VP MUBARAK AT HIS HOME IN
HELIOPOLIS. HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR CAIRO AIRPORT
TO GREET PRESIDENT SIAD BARRE. SIAD IS SCHEDULED TO
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HELICOPTER TO ISMAILIA LATER THIS AFTERNOON FOR A
MEETING WITH SADAT THIS EVENING.

2. TOLD MUBARAK ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PERSONAL
MESSAGE TO SIAD, POINTING OUT IT WAS DRAFTED AFTER
US POLICY REVIEW FOLLOWING SIAD'S MOVES AGAINST THE
SOVIETS AND CUBANS. EMPHASIZED THAT OUR BASIC POSITION

REMAINS THAT WHICH I HAD TOLD SADAT AND HIM EARLIER, NAMELY, THAT SO LONG AS OGADEN CONFLICT CONTINUES, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO SUPPLY ARMS TO EITHER SIDE, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WE WANTED HIM TO HAVE OUR LATEST ANALYSIS OF SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN SITUATION, BUT IN PROVIDING THIS INFORMATION WE WERE NOT SEEKING TO INFLUENCE SADAT'S DECISION ON SOMALI REQUEST FOR EGYPTIAN TROOP DEPLOYMENT TO BERBERA AREA. THIS WAS MATTER FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DETERMINE IN LIGHT OF HIS PERCEPTION EGYPTIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. I THEN WENT THROUGH THE LENGTHY ANALYSIS CONTAINED REFTEL AND REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CONVEYED TO SADAT IN ISMAILIA. I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF THE PRESIDENT HAD IT BEFORE HE MEETS WITH SIAD THIS EVENING. MUBARAK AGREED. HE LISTENED INTENTLY TO MY PRESENTATION AND TOOK COPIOUS NOTES. HE WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN OUR INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE OF NO MORE THAN ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED CUBAN MILITARY PERSONNEL IN ETHIOPIA, MANY OF WHOM MAY BE DEPLOYED IN ERITREA. HE ALSO NOTED OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS ACTIVELY TO SUPPORT A NIGERIAN EFFORT TO REVIVIFY OAU MEDIATION EFFORT.

4. WHEN I HAD FINISHED, MUBARAK SAID HE THOUGHT SADAT WOULD STILL LIKE TO HAVE OUR COUNSEL ON WHETHER OR NOT HE SHOULD ACCEDE TO SIAD'S REQUEST TO DEPLOY EGYPTIAN
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TRTVPS TO NORTHERN BERBERA AND NORTHERN SOMALIA. I RECALLED THAT IN MY PRESENTATION I HAD INDICATED THAT IN PROVIDING OUR ANALYSIS, WE WERE NOT SEEKING TO INFLUENCE SADAT'S DECISION IN THIS MATTER. IT WAS ONE WHICH HE HAD TO MAKE IN THE LIGHT OF HIS OWN PERCEPTION OF EGYPTIAN NATIONAL INTERESTS, AND WE WERE HARDLY IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE COUNSEL ON THIS MATTER. AS WAS IMPLICIT IN THE INFORMATION I HAD PROVIDED HIM, HOWEVER, WE WOULD NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ARMS FOR SUCH A DEPLOYMENT. MUBARAK SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND SEEMED PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION REGARDS SOMALIA AS THE "AGGRESSOR" IN THE CONFLICT. THIS THOUGHT HAD OBVIOUSLY NOT OCCURRED TO HIM.

5. I AGAIN SUGGESTED THAT ANYTHING SADAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO TO URGE SIAD TO COOPERATE WITH NIGERIAN EFFORT REVIVE OAU MEDIATION EFFORT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PRESENT SITUATION. I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT THE CURRENT WAR SHOULD BE ENDED ASAP BEFORE IT INTENSIFIES. MUBARAK AGREED, BUT NOTED THAT SIAD IS "SLY" AND DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE. HE PROMISED BRIEF SADAT ON OUR ANALYSIS

BEFORE THE TWO PRESIDENTS MEET THIS EVENING. ELITS UNQTE VANCE

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